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[ By the CHAIR.]

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## MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 4, 1865.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I herewith transmit, for your consideration, a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Engineer Bureau.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

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## COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF WAR.

WAR DEPARTMENT, C. S. A.  
*Richmond*, Dec. 21, 1864.

*To the President of the Confederate States:*

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, an estimate prepared by the Chief of the Engineer Bureau, for the Schooner Isabel, seized by military authority and sunk as an obstruction in Dog river bar channel, Mobile bay, May 5, 1862.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,  
*Secretary of War.*

## ESTIMATE

*For the value of the Schooner Isabel, seized by military authority, and sunk as an obstruction in Dog River Bar Channel, Mobile Bay, May 5, 1862.*

For the value of the Schooner Isabel, seized by military authority, and sunk as an obstruction in Dog river bar channel, Mobile bay, May 5, 1862, four thousand five hundred dollars (\$ 4,500).

(Triplicates.)

J. F. GILMER,  
*Maj. Gen. & Chief Engineer Bureau.*

Approved:

JAMES A. SEDDON, *Sec. of War.*

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